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SUBJECT: TRADE COMPLAINTS: TRADE COMPLAINT AGAINST WINCHESTER-OLIN BY GOC AMMUNITION FACTORY

1. DIRECTOR OF GOC AMMUNITION FACTORY (INDUSTRIA MILITAR), RETIRED GENERAL CAMACHO LEYVA, VISITED COMMERCIAL ATTACHE TO REQUEST A ASSISTANCE IN RECEIVING CONTRACTED SHIPMENTS OF RAW MATERIALS AND COMPONENTS FROM WINCHESTER INTERNATIONAL, 275 WINCHESTER AVENUE, NEW HAVEN,CONN 06504. ACCORDING DIRECTOR, WHO IS RETIRED ARMY GENERAL AND BROTHER OF CURRENT GOC MILITARY FORCES COMMANDER WINCHESTER HAS DELAYED SHIPMENTS OF FOLLOWING ARTICLES:
1 MILLION 38 CALIBRE SHELL CASINGS
2.1 MILLION 38 CALIBRE NICKELIZED SHELL CASINGS
7.1 MILLION DETONATOR CAPS FOR 7.62 CALIBER BULLETS
1,600 KILOGRAMS OF TAR PAPER FOR WADDING

2. DELAY IN SHIPMENT OF ABOVE IS CAUSING SERIOUS WORK STOPPAGES IN 300-MAN PLANT AND MINISTRY OF DEFENSE THREATENING TO IMPOSE PENALTY CLAUSES ON INDUSTRIA MILITAR FOR LATE SUPPLY OF FINISHED AMMUNITION. INDUSTRIA MILITAR ALSO THREATENED WITH LOSS OF FUTURE CONTRACTS ACCORDING DIRECTOR. IN ADDITION, MATERIALS MUST BE SHIPPED BY JUNE 14 OR GOC IMPORT LICENSE WILL EXPIRE AND RENEWAL WILL CAUSE ADDITIONAL DELAYS. DIRECTOR STATES THAT SOC. ROZOS LTDA OF BOGOTA (WINCHESTER-OLIN REP IN BOGOTA) RE-
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CEIVED INFORMATION FROM WINCHESTER LATIN AMERICAN SALES DIRECTOR RAMIREZ THAT 750,000 CAPS WERE TO BE SHIPPED ON "RIO MAGDALENA" ON MAY 10. HOWEVER, CAPS APPARENTLY NEVER LOADED ONSHIP.

3. CAMACHO REPORTS THAT INDUSTRIA MILITAR COMMERCIAL RELATIONS WITH WINCHESTER HAVE BEEN EXTREMELY GOOD FOR LAST TEN YEARS. THIS IS FIRST INSTANCE OF DELAY AND HE BELIEVES RAMIREZ MAY BE AT

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4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT USDOC CHECK ASAP WITH WINCHESTER TO DETERMINE EXACT SITUATION WITH REGARD THESE SHIPMENTS IN ORDER COMMERCIAL ATTACHE CAN RESPOND TO INDUSTRIA MILITAR. USDOC MAY WISH CONSULT PERSON OTHER THAN RAMIREZ.
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